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[Abstract:] Relative to bids for Die Steel for fiscal year ending June 30, 1896.

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, Engraver's Department, June 19, 1895

Sir

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This bid must not be considered as a bid for steel for this department, as all the steel used for coinage and medal dies is specially prepared for the Mint by Alex. Foster & Co. of Philadelphia who I know is not a bidder.

As this special steel has been used by the Mint for many years and has always given such perfect satisfaction I respectfully recommend that we continue to use it for all coinage and medal dies.

Very respectfully, Chas. E. Barber Engraver

Hon. Herman Kretz Superintendent